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1. A deposit of amianthus (fine, silky asbestos) has been found, immediately adjoining the town of Momchilgrad, in the Rhodope basin. Work on the development of this mine is in the hands of specialists, engineers from the USSR.
2. Exploitation will be in the hands of a Bulgarian-Soviet company called "GORUPSO". This stands for Company for the Exploitation of the Subsoil Resources of Bulgaria.

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